

# **Social License to Operate for CDR**

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# **Overview**





Carry out an integrated qualitative and quantitative assessment of attitudes among the public and other stakeholders towards different NETPs

- 5.1 Social License to Operate (ML Report analysis)
- 5.2 Stakeholder Views on Business Case (Interviews)
- **5.3** Stakeholder Views on NETPs governance (workshops with experimental design)
- 5.4 Expert Elicitations
- 5.6 Stakeholder Survey

### OceanNETs



5.5 – Public Perception Survey - Led by University of Groningen (RUG)

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# **Stakeholder survey (D5.6)**

- We collected data on stakeholder perceptions of NETPs and their role(s) in the European context
- Our survey was circulated to 3500+ contacts in our stakeholder database amplified by Negem partners via their own networks, LinkedIn
- We are now launching a booster in multiple languages using Qualtrics to improve the robustness of our findings for journal publication by adding an additional 250 respondents
- We also coordinated parts of the stakeholder survey with the public survey (with colleagues at RUG) to facilitate comparison of public and stakeholder attitudes.

### Challenges:

- Level of analysis question: how best to balance individual and organizational attitudes?
- Overcoming anticipated low response rate
- Best channels for reaching stakeholders
  - How to reconcile results with previous stakeholder studies



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### Sectoral Distribution and Sample Choice Card



N=309

(2/5) Imagine your organisation is giving you resources to support a NETP project of your choice. Which of the following NETP projects are you more likely to support?

Project 1	Project 2
Type ofNature-based solutionsNETP(biological storage of the CO2 captured, into plants or soil)	Type ofTechnology-based solutionsNETP(geological storage of the CO2 captured as minerals)
Permanence <b>1000 years</b>	Permanence <b>100 years</b>
of CO2	of CO2
captured	captured
Cost <b>100€</b> (€/ton of CO2 captured)	Cost <b>200€</b> (€/ton of CO2 captured)
Proponent Environmental NGO	Proponent Energy/Oil&Gas company
of the	of the
project	project
Resource LOW Energy & Water Use	Resource HIGH Energy & Water Use
use and	use and
impact HIGH Impact on Land,	impact Impact on Land,
Food Security	Food Security
and Biodiversity	and Biodiversity

Would you allocate resources to support the selected project?

Yes



### **Stakeholder Survey Results**



### Importance of each dimension for NGO and private sector respondents

### Preferences across different levels within each dimension for NGO and private sector respondents



Type of NETP\_Private sector

Permanence of CO2 captured\_Private sector
Cost (€/ton of CO2 captured)\_Private sector
Proponent of the project\_Private sector
Resource use and impact Private sector

Type of NETP\_NGO
Permanence of CO2 captured\_NGO
Cost (€/ton of CO2 captured)\_NGO
Proponent of the project\_NGO

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Resource use and impact\_NGO



# Public perceptions of marine CDR

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# Public perceptions of marine CDR

### **3 Studies**

- 2021: Focus groups in Germany and Norway, N=36
- 2022: Deliberative survey in Norway, N=89
- 2023: Cross-country survey in Canada, China, France, Germany, Norway, and Taiwan, N~2000 per country

### **Broad range of marine CDR methods**

Ocean Alkalinity Enhancement, marine BECCS, Seaweed Sinking, Coastal Ecosystem Restoration, Artificial Upwelling, Ocean Fertilization

Land-based options for comparison Enhanced Weathering, land-based BECCS



Profile of positive & negative associations with marine CDR from cross-country survey

# Main results



### Focus groups (2 hrs discussion in small groups)

- Participants prioritize emissions reduction and lifestyle changes
- Unknown CDR methods are evaluated **using associations with known phenomena** such as aquaculture, marine pollution, freshwater liming, fertilization on land

**Deliberative survey** (4 hrs discussion with experts & in groups combined with pre- and post-survey)

- Land-based methods are perceived more positively than ocean-based
- More information and longer discussions about climate policy and CDR reduces uncertainty about CDR methods but does not change perceptions of CDR methods significantly

### **Cross-country survey**

- Ranking of methods consistent across countries: alkalinity enhancement < sinking seaweed < mBECCS
- Perceptions are more positive in China and Taiwan especially compared to France, Germany and Canada

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# Public perceptions and acceptability of NETPs

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# **Representative sample in six European countries**

Germany, Spain, Finland, Lithuania, the Netherlands, and Poland

- **Country selection criteria:** geographical distribution CDR targets based on emissions and GDP per capita (D. 4.3), and available land.
- Online Survey: launched at the same time in all countries from August to September 2023.
- **Participants:** after quality check, **5,512** participants included in the analysis.







# Focus on two NETPs: A/R and DACCS







# AR is perceived as more acceptable than DACCS



### Acceptable



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# People find it more acceptable that their country would implement AR compared to DACCS









# People think CO<sub>2</sub> emissions should mostly be reduced by renewable energy and behaviour change



Behaviour change

NETPs implementation



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